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Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action of August 17, 1999, please enter the following amendments:

In the Claims:

Claim 25, line 2, change "claim 24" to --claim 26--.

26. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising DNA obtained by the process of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said DNA has a chromosomal DNA content that is less than or equal to 0.01%, and an endotoxin content that is less than or equal to 50 EU/mg.

Please cancel claims 23 and 24 without prejudice.

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